

DECLARATION

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As a below named inventor, I declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first, and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

ARTICULATED WELT FOOTWEAR CONSTRUCTION AND RELATED METHOD OF MANUFACTURE

the specification of which:

X is attached hereto.

_____ was filed on _____ as Application Serial No. _____.

_____ was filed on _____ as PCT International Application No. _____.

_____ was amended on _____.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Sec. 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Priority Claimed

NONE

(Number)

(Country)

(Month/day/year filed)

Yes

No

I claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Sec. 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

NONE

(Application Serial No.)

(Filing Date)

(Status) (patented, pending, abandoned)

I claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 1.19(e) of any United States Provisional application(s) listed below:

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07/31/2003

pending

(Application Serial No.)

(Filing Date)

(Status) (patented, pending, abandoned)

All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Pursuant to Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Sec. 3.73(b), Wolverine World Wide, Inc. states that it is the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

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Wolverine World Wide, Inc. is the assignee by virtue of an assignment from the inventor(s) of the above-identified patent application.

 X A copy of the assignment is attached.

 The assignment was recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at Reel _____
Frame _____.

The undersigned is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

10-8-03
Date


Signature

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